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In the Claims:

- 1.(original) Packing and displaying box (14) for receiving a multitude of primary packages (13), comprising a bottom surface (2), a front wall (3), a rear wall (4) and two side walls (5) having flaps (9) in the area of their upper edges, the flaps (9) projecting inwardly and being aligned in a position departing substantially from the verticality, preferably forming an angle with the vertical of more than  $40^{\circ}$ , characterized in that the flaps (9) are arranged alternately on the side walls (5) providing at least one flap (9) per primary package (13).
- 2.(currently amended) Packing and displaying box according to claim 1, wherein the flaps (9) form an angle with the vertical of more than  $60^{\circ}$ , ~~still more preferably more than  $80^{\circ}$  and most preferably of  $90^{\circ}$ .~~
- 3.(currently amended) Packing and displaying box according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the flaps (9) are arranged alternately on the side walls (5) providing at least one flap (9) per primary package (13) except for the first and/or last primary package (13) in the packing and displaying box (14).
- 4.(currently amended) Packing and displaying box according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that each flap (9) is loosely engageable with one primary package (13).
- 5.(currently amended) Packing and displaying box according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the packing box (14) is made of a blank (1), which is made of cardboard.

- 6.(currently amended) Packing and displaying box according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the side walls (5) are double-walled.
- 7.(original) Packing and displaying box according to claim 6, characterized in that the front and rear walls (3, 4) are fixed to the side walls (5) by means of rough surfaces (6) which are retained within the double-walled side walls (5).
- 8.(currently amended) Packing and displaying box according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the front wall (3) is substantially cut out.
- 9.(currently amended) Combination of a multitude of primary packages (13) and a packing and displaying box (14) according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~.
- 10.(original) Combination according to claim 9, characterized in that each flap (9) is loosely engageable with one primary package (13).
- 11.(original) Combination according to claim 10 characterized in that each primary package (13) comprises at its sides an indentation (15) for loose engagement with such flaps (9).
- 12.(original) Blank (1) for making a packing and displaying box (14) according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims 1 to 8~~, characterized in that the side walls (5) comprise extensions (8) for engaging into grooves (7) punched on the bottom surface when the blank (1) is folded, and the side walls (5) comprise flaps (9) slitted therein intended to project inwardly and be aligned in a position departing substantially from the verticality, preferably

forming an angle with the vertical of more than  $40^{\circ}$ , when the box is erected.

13.(original) Blank according to claim 12, characterized in that the blank (1) comprises folds (11) and double-folds (12) for folding the blank (1) according to a specific pattern.

14.(currently amended) Blank according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, characterized in that the folds (11) and double-folds (12) comprise small incisions.

15. (new) Packing and displaying box according to claim 1, wherein the flaps (9) form an angle with the vertical of more than  $80^{\circ}$ .

16. (new) Packing and displaying box according to claim 1, wherein the flaps (9) form an angle with the vertical of more than  $90^{\circ}$ .